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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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BEN REILLY has the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Ben Reilly understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

After a disastrous battle, Peter Parker slipped into a coma. Luckily for New York, Ben Reilly took on the mantle of Spider-Man with the support of the Beyond Corporation. Thanks to Beyond's Head of Super Hero Development, Maxine Danger, Ben has access to all the things your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man could only dream of: a swanky apartment he shares with his girlfriend, Janine, an upgraded Spidey suit, a handler named Marcus, and one-on-two training with Misty Knight and Colleen Wing. But when Spidey's old foe Morbius went on a sudden rampage, Ben's gadgets and training weren't enough, and he was bitten by the Living Vampire!

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STILL SOMEWHERE IN MIDTOWN.

RAAAAGGGHHH!

SLICH

SO, THIS IS NOT GOING GREAT.

AND THAT BITE WENT DEEP. SUIT IS DOING ITS JOB FOR THE MOST PART, BUT HE *DEFINITELY* GOT THROUGH.

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BLEEDING IS PRETTY BAD, ACTUALLY. SUIT IS SELF-SEALING...SHOULD STOP THE BLEEDING... ANNNNNY SECOND NOW...

HHHRNNNNNG

STILL GONNA NEED AN ANTIDOTE...OR SOMETHING?

MORBIUS ⸗KOFF⸗ I STILL THINK WE CAN TALK THIS OUT, MAN. ⸗KOFF⸗

GRRRRAHNOOOOT WORKINNNNGGGG.

"NOT WORKING"?

RAAAGGGGH!

THWIP

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HE'S BITTEN PETER BEFORE-- SUPPOSEDLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO *HEAL* HIMSELF. IS THAT WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WAS HE... TRYING TO USE MY BLOOD AS A *CURE?*

SLAM

OH GOD. *DON'T FAINT,* REILLY. EVEN IF MORBIUS DOESN'T KILL YOU, THE *EMBARRASSMENT* WILL.

SLICE

ARGGH!

KNOCK IT OFF!

NEEEEEEED MORRRRRRRRE.

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM HERE... BUT I CAN'T KEEP *THIS* UP EITHER.

IF HE WANTS ME *SPECIFICALLY*... MAYBE HE'LL FOLLOW ME?

BUT TO WHERE?

HEH. YEAH. *THAT'S* AN IDEA.

THWIP

AS IDEAS GO, IT'S NOT MY BEST--BUT HARDLY MY *WORST.*

THWP

JUST GOTTA HOPE HE DOESN'T GIVE UP TOO SOON.

BEYOND BUILDING, BEN REILLY'S PENTHOUSE APARTMENT.

WELL, HERE WE GO. DON'T LET ME DOWN NOW, LANGSTON.

VOICE VERIFIED. HEAT SIGNATURE VERIFIED. BODY SCENT VERIFIED. ELECTROMAGNETIC AURA VERIFIED. WELCOME, SPIDER-MAN.

YOU LOOK TERRIBLE.

CONSIDERING WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH, I LOOK ***GREAT.***

MORBIUS. ***STOP.*** YOU ARE DECIDEDLY ***NOT*** INVITED. GET IT?

YEAH, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR THE JOKES EITHER, TO BE HONEST...

...BUT THIS ***SECURITY SYSTEM*** IS NO JOKE. STAY WHERE YOU ARE AND LET ME GET YOU SOME HELP.

GRAAAAH!

DESIGNATE MORBIUS. SECURITY MEASURES 3-M-96-04-X

MMMM

AWWWWMMM

BEN?

BEN! BEN!

LANGSTON! CALL FOR HEL--

ALREADY HERE, MA'AM. LANGSTON LET US--

JUST HELP HIM!

LANGSTON SECURITY OVERRIDE PROTOCOL 61 DASH 9. OPERATOR JOHNSON. AUTHORIZATION CODE 11246.

VERIFIED. SECURITY SYSTEM DISABLED.

WILL HE BE ALL RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW, MISS. WE'LL HAVE TO GET THE SUIT OFF, SEE THE EXTENT OF HIS INJURIES.

OH BARF. I THINK THERE'S A *NIPPLE* IN THIS BIT.

BAG IT.

I HATE YOU.

JANINE, I'M SORRY-- YOU CAN'T GO.

WHAT?! MARCUS, THAT'S CRAZY. HE NEEDS ME.

I KNOW, BUT THEY WON'T LET YOU INTO THE MEDICAL FACILITY WITH HIM. I PROMISE YOU I WON'T LEAVE HIS SIDE AND I'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED AT EVERY STEP.

CLICK

LANGSTON SECURITY SYSTEM BACK ONLINE. ARMED.

...GREAT.

I SEE A NECK WOUND AND SOME WOUNDS TO THE MIDDLE TO LOWER TORSO... THE SCAN PICKING UP ANYTHING ELSE?

NO, DOCTOR. THE SUIT IS OTHERWISE INTACT.

EXCELLENT.

ARMOR SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED. AND...I HAVE PUNCTURE WOUNDS HERE. TWO. *DEEPER* THAN I'D LIKE. DO WE KNOW WHO HE WAS FIGHTING?

HE WAS FIGHTING *MORBIUS*, DOCTOR BAILEY.

IN THAT CASE, NURSE, PREPARE THE ANTITOXIN, PLEASE.

DOCTOR, WHAT EFFECTS MIGHT WE SEE IF WE *DON'T* ADMINISTER THE ANTITOXIN AT THIS TIME?

WHY... WHY WOULDN'T WE GIVE HIM THE ANTITOXIN?

THAT'S A QUESTION, DOCTOR BAILEY. I ASKED YOU FOR AN ANSWER.

*WHAT MIGHT WE SEE IN BEN REILLY IF WE DO **NOT** INOCULATE HIM AGAINST MORBIUS' VAMPIRE VIRUS?*

*UH...IT'S ANYONE'S GUESS WHAT WE MIGHT SEE... BUT THE **RISKS** ARE--*

I'M WELL AWARE THAT THERE ARE RISKS, DOCTOR, BUT THERE IS RISK IN *ANYTHING* BOLD. DOES THAT MEAN WE STOP *BEING* BOLD?

WILL REILLY DEVELOP ENTIRELY NEW VAMPIRE-BASED POWERS? COULD IT UNLOCK NEW SPIDER-VAMPIRE HYBRID POWERS? THIS COULD BE A RESEARCH GOLD MINE.

OH MY GOD--

WHAT?

N-NOTHING, MA'AM.

DOCTOR BAILEY?

WE...WE CAN'T POSSIBLY *KNOW* WHAT WOULD HAPPEN, DIRECTOR DANGER... IT WOULD BE HIGHLY UNETHICAL TO EVEN *SPECULATE...*

AGREED. PROCEED WITH THE ANTITOXIN. KEEP ME APPRISED OF REILLY'S CONDITION AND NOTIFY ME WHEN YOU BEGIN TO PROCESS THE MORBIUS... *PARTS.*

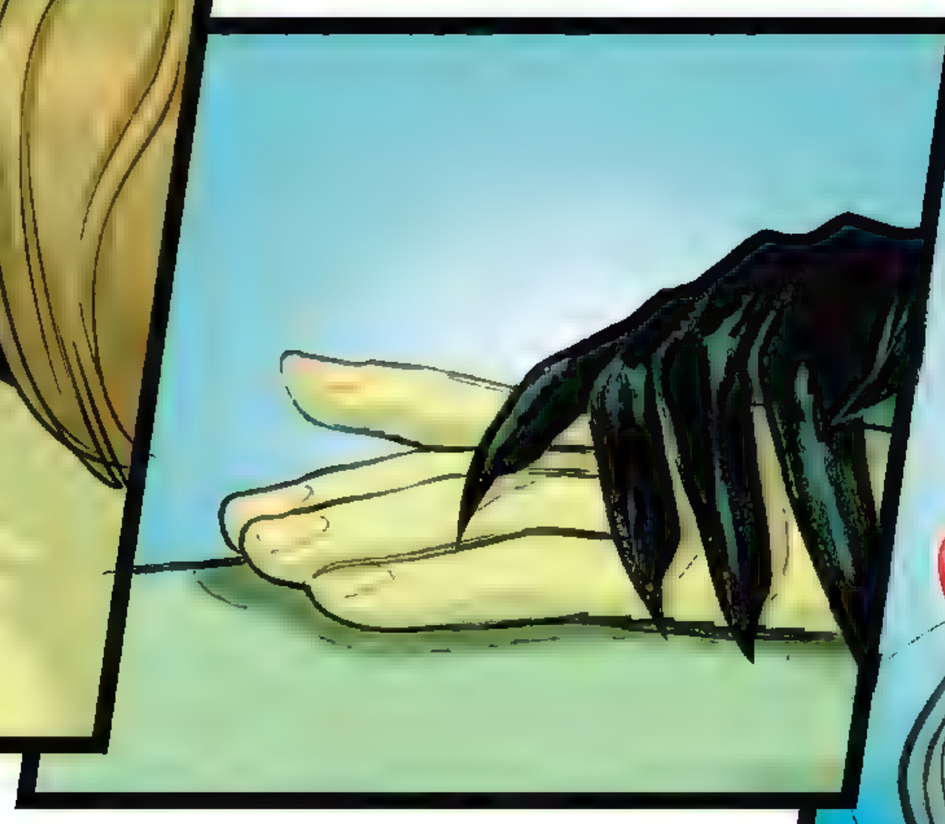
B-TEAM BETTER BE READY, VASQUEZ, BECAUSE THEY'RE UP.

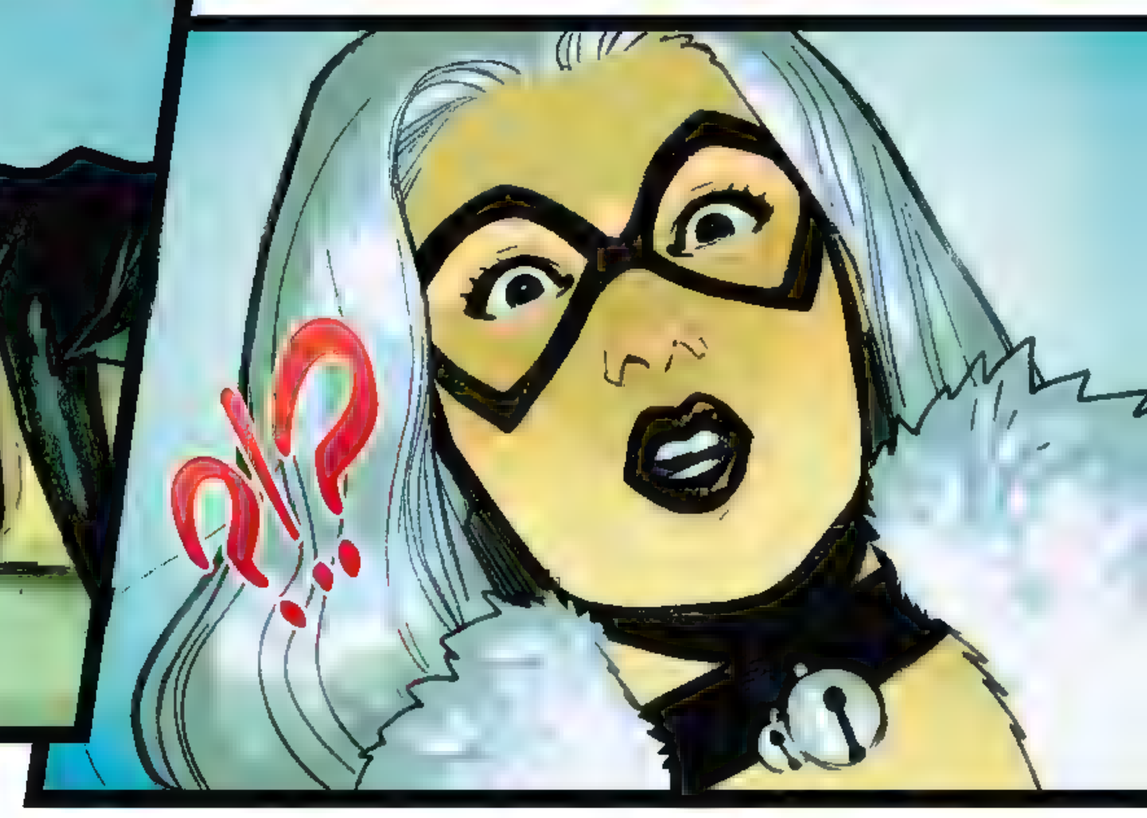
AND IF THEY WON'T WEAR THE BEYOND GEAR, THEY HAVE TO TAKE THE DRONES WITH THEM. *NO ARGUMENTS.*

McCARTHY MEDICAL CENTER.

OH, SPIDER.

COME BACK TO ME, SPIDER.

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PETE?!
PETER?!
:GASP:

PETER!
PETER.
C'MON, TIGER.
WAKE UP. YOU
CAN DO IT.

I...I'M SORRY. I'LL GO.

NO. YOU SHOULD STAY. IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM MOVE SINCE THIS STARTED.

...I'M SORRY.

DON'T BE. I'LL TAKE *THAT*-- HOWEVER I CAN GET IT.

I'D FEEL THE SAME WAY.

BUT CHANGE YOUR DAMN CLOTHES BEFORE A NURSE COMES IN HERE.

OKAY. YEAH. GOOD TIP.

C'MON, TIGER. I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE. HOW MANY MORE LOVE INTERESTS YOU WANT ME TO GET IN THIS ROOM? I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES.

C'MON, MORBIUS. THIS ISN'T YOU. I MEAN, IT *SORT OF* IS, BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D MOVED PAST THIS NONSENSE.

WHOOMB

ARGGGHHH!

HIS INJURIES ARE *SEVERE.*

DID SPIDER-MAN DO THIS, OR BEYOND?

DEFINITELY STRIKES ME AS MORE BEYOND THAN SPIDER.

BREEEEP.

NO OFFENSE.

I *HATE* THE DRONES. AND I DO NOT CARE IF THEY TAKE OFFENSE.

BREEEEP.

MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL TO KNOW WE ARE BEING MONITORED LIKE THIS.

I DON'T LIKE IT ANY MORE THAN *YOU* DO, BUT IF WE WANT TO CASH THE CHECKS, WE TAKE THE DRONES.

THE CHECK BETTER BE *LARGE.*

TING

I HOPE YOU'RE READY WITH THAT RIDICULOUS SPIDER-STRAIGHTJACKET NONSENSE.

KRAK

I AM.

GOOD, BECAUSE HE IS STRONG AS HELL, INJURIES BE DAMNED.

GRAAAH!

$#%&.

NOT SO FAST.

KA-POW

NO BITING!

UHAAA!

UGH. I'M SORRY, MAN. ESPECIALLY WITH YOUR ARM ALL MESSED UP. BUT WE CAN'T LET YOU RUN AROUND THE CITY LIKE THIS.

ESPECIALLY NOT WITH ALL THE ***BITING.***

YEAH, THE BITING SUCKS. NO PUN INTENDED.

YOU WERE EXCITED ABOUT THAT PUN-- ADMIT IT.

I WILL NOT.

DEPLOY SPINNERETTE.

BUT MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GONE ***WRONG*** HERE... WHAT DO YOU SAY?

GRAAAHH!

HARDLY A YES.

HARDLY.

FFWPT!

TIMING!

LADIES.

MONICA. IT'S ABOUT *TIME*, GIRL.

OH NO. YOU DESTROYED THE ANNOYING SPY DRONES, MONICA. ***WHATEVER*** SHALL WE DOOO?

I ***LOVE*** YOUR DEADPAN VOICE. IT'S TRULY MY FAVORITE OF YOUR VOICES.

DON'T LIE TO IMPRESS MONICA--YOU KNOW YOU LIKE MY ***ELMO*** VOICE BEST.

THAT IS... TRUE.

NOT TO CUT THROUGH THE CHITCHAT, WHICH I LOVE, BUT BEYOND SURELY HAS A REPLACEMENT DRONE EN ROUTE ALREADY. WE MUST BE QUICK...

WHAT HAVE YOU TWO FOUND SO FAR?

STEGMAN: A COMEDY
5:00
8:30
IT WAS GOOD. I LIKED IT.
BEN, YOU WERE *ASLEEP.*
NO... THAT'S HOW I *WATCH* MOVIES NOW. COOL, RIGHT?
YES, EVERYONE LOVED THE *SNORING.* THEY THOUGHT IT WAS SUPER COOL.
OH GOD. I DIDN'T. NOT REALLY.
ONLY A LITTLE.
BUT HONESTLY, I'M JUST SO GRATEFUL YOU'RE OKAY, I'LL TAKE YOU AND *ALL* THE SNORES.
I SHOULD HAVE CLOSE CALLS MORE OFTEN, THEN.
PLEASE *DON'T.* I WAS SO SCARED, BEN.
I KNOW. AND I'M SO SORRY I HAD TO BRING THAT FIGHT TO OUR DOORSTEP. I HOPE YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT IF I'D HAD ANY OTHER OPTION.

I KNOW. AND IF IT SAVED YOU, THEN I'M GLAD YOU DID IT. I LOVE YOU, BEN.

I LOVE YOU TOO, JANINE.

AH, HOW SWEET. BUT THOSE CRAZY KIDS SHOULD PROBABLY MAKE THAT A GOODBYE KISS.

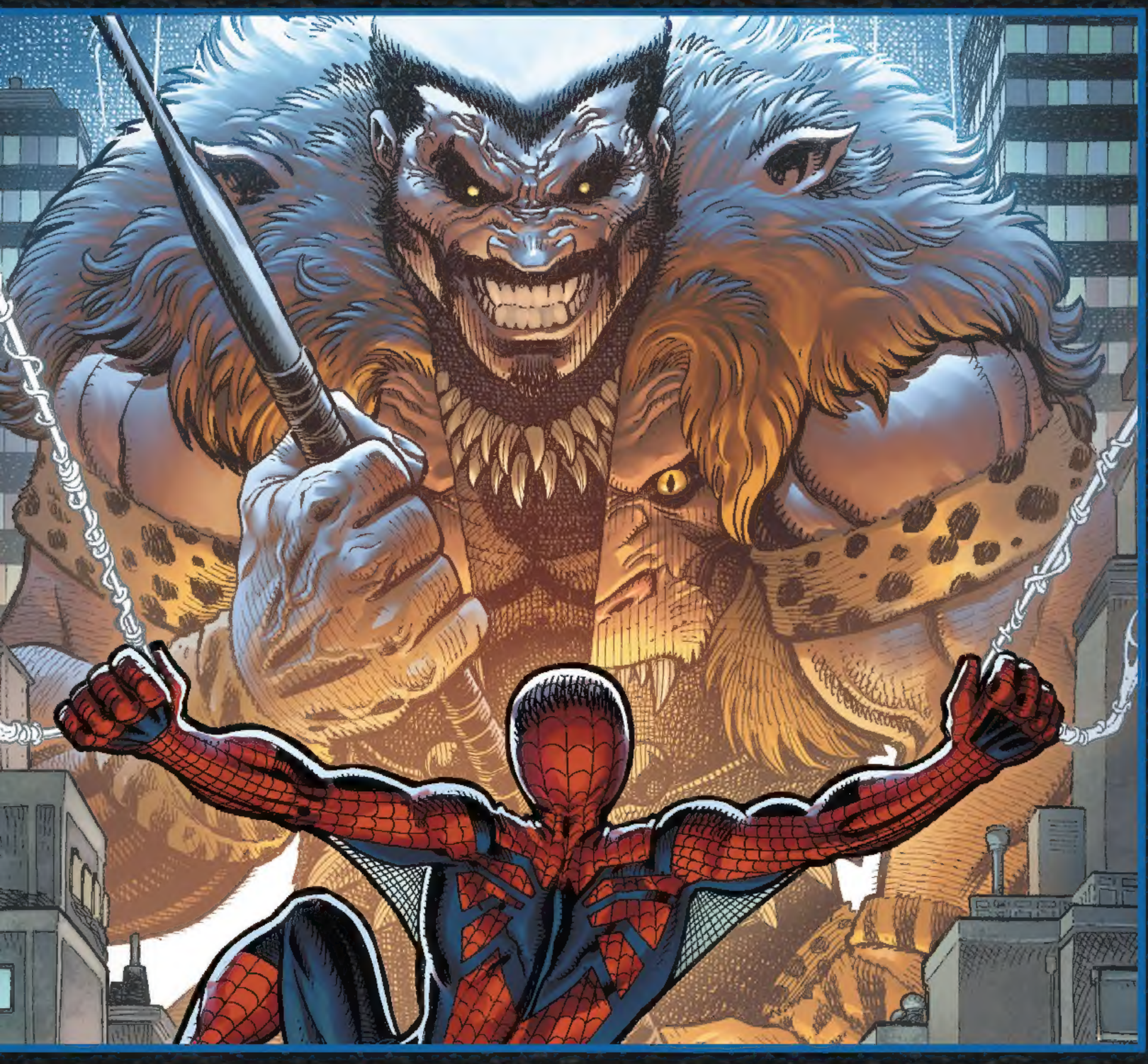
TO BE CONTINUED!

NEXT: #78.BEY & #79

HEY THERE, WEB-HEADS!

Ben BARELY made it out of there alive thanks to his quick thinking and top-of-the-line security system, Langston! Good thing he had some friends and colleagues to help him clean up the mess! It's like John Donne wrote: "No Spider-Man is an island." But this archipelago of characters better watch out because Kraven's going to do some island-hopping of his own!

Next up, in ASM #79, we have the next member of our Beyond Board, Cody Ziglar, taking the writing reins. Cody came to us fresh from the D+ *She-Hulk* writers' room and a season of *Rick & Morty* and is ROCKING his issues of ASM. Joining him on the art is a superstar in the making, Michael Dowling, and colorist Jesus Aburtov (who I'll talk about more next issue). Meanwhile, Jed MacKay and Eleonora Carlini are also teaming up to bring you Misty and Colleen's Beyond hijinks in ASM #78.BEY, an off-the-wall one-shot you're not going to want to miss!



Last, but certainly not least, joining us ALL on the Spider-Books is new assistant editor KAEDEN McGAHEY! Kaeden's background in theater, education, and the library sciences along with their credentials as a huge comics nerd made Kaeden a perfect fit for the Spider-Office. And from now on, any mistakes are Kaeden's fault!

Keep thwippin'!
Nick Lowe
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